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Next meeting: **THURSDAY JULY 12 AT 7:30 PM IN THE DWP CAFETERIA, 111 N. HOPE STREET.**

JULY MEETING

"AFRICAN OPERATIONS"

Have you ever wondered what it's like to operate from the other side of the globe? Join us on July 12 as our own Gunnar Ohlson, W6YB, tells us what it's like. Gunnar's presentation will include a slide show.

AUGUST MEETING

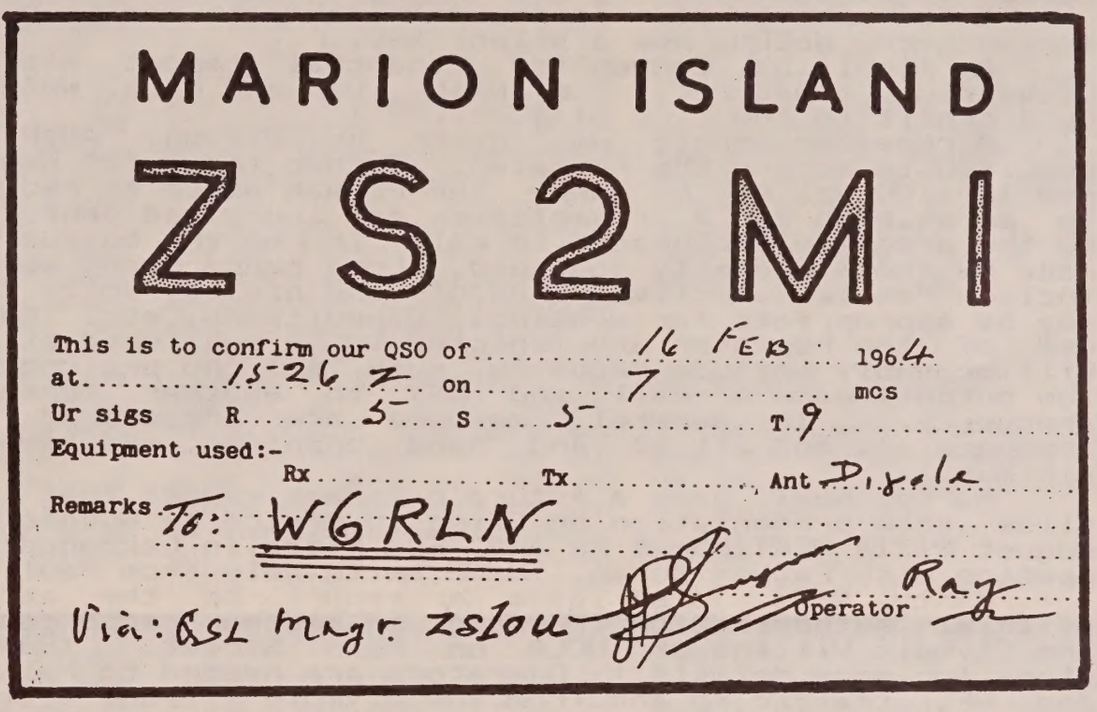
Plan now - the August meeting will be our PIZZA MEETING, to be held at Me and Ed's Pizza in Lakewood. Details will appear in next month's Bulletin. With many Olympic events taking place on our meeting night near downtown L.A., this will be a good time for a "change of p(l)ace."

REPEATER DX ROUNDTABLE

Remember to tune in to the DX Roundtable on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM on the SCDXC repeater. Everyone is invited to contribute DX information. The SCDXC repeater output is on 145.48 MHz, transmit -600 KHz.

BULLETIN TYPE STYLE

Your Editor is trying two different type styles in this month's Bulletin. The type style in this column is compressed and has 17 characters to the inch. The type style in the column to the right is emphasized and has only 10 characters to the inch. Both type styles have 8 lines per inch. With 17 characters per inch I can put more material in the Bulletin. If you have a strong preference write and let me know.



MARION ISLAND

ZS2MI

This is to confirm our QSO of 16 FEB 1964
at 1526 Z on 7 mcs
Ur sigs R 5 S 5 T 9
Equipment used:-
Rx Tx Ant Dipole
Remarks TO: W6RLN
Via: QSL Mgr. ZS1OU
Operator Ray

Editor's Comment: I received the above QSL card and comments printed below from K. C. Jones, W6OB.

In the middle 1960's I had a very heavy job in Aerospace and was on the road a lot. Every morning I would get on the 40 meter band and work Asia and Africa with a vertical antenna. My call at that time was W6RLN.

On the morning of February 16, 1964 I contacted ZS2MI on Marion Island, a very rare country. Marion Island is southwest of the southern tip of Africa. I sent him a QSL card but never received one in return.

Now, since I have retired, I have been working on my country total count. I have sent several QSLs to several places in an effort to get a card from Marion Island without success.

About two months ago I made contact with ZS1OU on 20 meter SSB and asked him about activity at ZS2MI. He told me that no activity would be there for some time. I went on to tell him about my 1964 contact with ZS2MI. To my surprise I found out that ZS1OU was the QSL manager for ZS2MI at that time. I was in shock! I passed along the time, date, and band of my ZS2MI contact. In one week short of 20 years I got a QSL from ZS2MI via ZS1OU air mail.

The bottom line is NEVER GIVE UP !

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 1984 MEETING By Dan Davitt, N6CGB, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Joe Locascio, K5KT, SCDXC President. The evening began with the self introduction of members and guests. Sixty-seven persons were counted in attendance.

Dave, K6DDO, announced that P29PR will be in town on Friday July 6. The SCDXC is planning a 7 PM dinner for him at Me and Ed's Pizza, 12731 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove. Show your badge or QSL to get a discount on the pizza. He will show some slides and hopes to visit with as many DXers as possible. Also, coming up, is a visit in August by Barry Clark, A4XJP, and his family from Oman. You might have worked Barry as 9J2CL or ZT4CL. Dave will attempt to set up a dinner with him as well. Any suggestions on restaurants for these visitors should be directed to Dr, David Morgan, K6DDO.

A few moments of silence were taken in memory of our good friend Warren Kern, W6EDN, now a silent key.

A final DX Convention financial report was given by our Convention treasurer, Don, N6IC. Don and Nick, WB6DXO, have totaled up a profit to the club of $3727.00 !

A repeater update was given by Cleyon, AD6P. A PL is now required to access the repeater. Either the "old" non-standard or the new 1Z (100 Hz) may be used. The PL was added to reduce intermod and to be able to add a preamplifier for increased sensitivity. Visitors to the area are encouraged to call in on the output and have a relay made by those properly equipped. Long range plans were mentioned that include remote selective PL on/off and digital voice announcements as may be appropriate for meetings, DXpeditions, etc. Guidelines for the use of the repeater are expected to be published at a later date but will probably include requests such as: no prolonged discussions on the output; make a call and QSY to another repeater or simplex frequency. In general, members are encouraged to obtain a PL, announce any and all DX and band openings, and keep ragchewing to a minimum.

Marty, N6VI, gave a future programs report that includes: a July slide show presentation on DXing in Africa by Gunnar Ohlson, W6YB; an August PIZZA MEETING at Me and Eds Pizza in Lakewood; and a September meeting with Father Moran, 9N1MM, with help from Paul, N6DMV.

Marty, N6VI, also gave a report on the activities gaining official authorization to engage in amateur radio communications from the Olympic Village at UCLA on Main Street. (See Olympic station story for more details.) Operators are needed to relay, via 2 meters and HF, traffic to and from the Olympic Village station and the east coast gateway stations. Contact Marty, N6VI, for details.

Ron, ZL1AMO, will be in the Los Angeles Airport area Monday, July 9, through Tuesday morning. It is hoped that many SCDXC members will have a chance to meet Ron and thank him for his many DX efforts on behalf of the amateur fraternity. Stay tuned to the repeater for further details.

Alan, W6RCL, has a VHS format video tape of the VU7WCY DXpedition that might soon become the property of the SCDXC and available to members. Alan also brought us up to date on some of the proposals made to NASA for upcoming space flights that may carry additional amateur radio equipment. In addition to another 2 meter handheld transceiver, it has been proposed that a coax be run through the bulkhead to a 10 meter antenna for a possible retransmission of the 2 meter uplink contacts as well as a Robot scan converter and some facsimile.

Don, N6IC, showed the permanent Clipperton Award to the group. A break was taken at 8:34 to sell raffle tickets.

After the break, Ski, N6ADI (V3DX), gave a talk and slide presentation on his DXpedition to Belize. Operation was from a southern plantation 100 feet off the water called "El Pescador" that came equiped with a 70 foot tower. This was the first 6 meter attempt in a long time, and over 50 contacts were made, all of them west of the Mississippi. Also shown was the 1983 trip with V30AA. Operators were: N6ADI, K4EIH, WD5JEA, V3CQ, AA6DX, and NA6T. All in all, a very thorough and enjoyable slide show.

Don, W6AM, told of his trip to New Orleans. His eighth World's Fair! Don was able to make many contacts form the Fair station, K5WF, and later was entertained by some of the local hams while showing movies of the Rhombic Farm.

The raffle tickets were drawn at the close of the meeting and the winners of the prizes were as follows: N6CGB, B-K digital multimeter; W6ED, Computer Book by N6NB; W6EA, 12/24 hour clock; KB6WI, coax seal; KA6SKW, US Callbook; N6CGB, Drake highpass filter; and W6RCL, coax seal. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

NEWS FROM HEARD ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION

Your Editor received the following information from Jim Smith, VK9NS. The news was sent to all members of the Heard Island DX Association.

Membership is slowing increasing and think that with a bit of pushing we could get a few more members. Remind members of the Net on Monday nights on 40 meters: 7115 KHz at 0900 Z.

Everest Award It is proposed that HIDXA Club generate an Award having a really tough target...with a wide variety of DXing activities. For example 5 Band DXCC would earn the applicant say 500 points...but 500 points could be obtained in other ways say 100 QSOs on 160 meters. In other words a broad Award with several areas on which points may be scored.

Criteria would be that it would have to be something really worth going for and identify HIDXA Club as a Club recognizing real work and achievement on the bands.

Visualize a minimum Award with perhaps a further Silver Star and then a Gold Star to complete the whole Award...all activities being given a points value..eg every YL country 10 points...each Russian Oblast so many points etc. A country contact to be counted separate on each mode and each band (less new WARC Bands).

Kermadec I think it is generally known that HIDXA negotiated the Permission for recent Kermadec operation. The enclosed page from Break In (Editor's note: The page from New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters magazine Break In for March 1984 is not reproduced here because of space limitions. Anyone desiring a copy should contact the Editor.) is self explanatory and I trust you support my withdrawal from the situation. Seeing the objections in cold print brought all my feelings of disappointment over this situation to the fore again.

I do not believe that the objections raised by NZART had any bearing on reality but were the inputs of several determined to make sure that any DXpedition idea would have to come from them...no other. There is no other explanation for the non activity of Kermadec from a DXpedition point of view. Lands and Survey were very sympathetic to HIDXA.

NZART withdrew their objections in the face of considerable input and after acquiring the minimum of information regarding the proposed Joint Expedition to the Kermadec Group...resulting in something being put back into the area...in return for permission to visit.

East and West Carolines Kirsti and I have licenses for both areas...KC6NL for Kirsti and KC6JS for me. Will try to firm up on plans in weeks to come.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE AMATEUR RADIO STATION

There has been authorization for an Amateur Radio Station in the UCLA Olympic Village. The call will be N6840. The station manager is Dick Mannheimer, K6LAE, and Marty, N6VI, is the assistant station manager. The station will be located on the Olympic Village Main Street which is north of Pauley Pavilion along the bleacher side of Drake Stadium. Only those properly cleared will be able to enter this area. The station will be located in a small concrete bunker built into the hillside behind the stadium. This location has the advantage of being probably one of the coolest places on campus. The antenna will be at roadway level approximately 30 feet above the station.

Operations will be 12 hours a day from July 14 through August 15. The station's primary purpose is to handle message traffic to/from athletes and other Olympic Village residents. Several special third party traffic agreements have been obtained for the Olympics, and more are expected. Traffic handling from the Olympic station to local relay stations will be on VHF. Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, and Pete Matthews, WB6UIA, are organizing the relay stations. Domestic traffic will be handled on the National Traffic System. The International Traffic Assistance Net will be helping with the foreign traffic.

Operations will be on the 2, 10, 15, and 20 meter bands both phone and CW. No low band operation is planned because of lack of antenna space, mainly daylight operation, and generally poor low band conditions during the summer. Commemorative contacts will be made when there is time available. There is a cadre of approximately 40 operators. Each operator will work 3 to 7 days, either a morning or evening shift.

The station will use a tri-band beam and run 100 watts to a transceiver. The use of an amplifier is not possible because of limited AC power, and the requirement not to produce any RFI. Equipment will be provided by Cushcraft, Ham Radio Outlet, and Yaesu.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC CALLSIGNS

Amateurs with a 6 in their callsigns will have a chance to commemorate the 23rd Olympiad in 1984. For the months of July and August 1984 the FCC will permit amateurs who have the numeral 6 in their callsigns to substitute either 23 (as in 23rd Olympic Games) or 84 on a voluntary basis. This is our chance to be sought after by the prefix hunters!

DXCC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The ARRL DX Advisory Committee has overwhelmingly voted to reject the addition of the Vienna International Centre (4U1VIC) to the ARRL DXCC Countries List. It was considered on the basis of government (Rule 1), as a special United Nations entity (thus ammending the criteria), and by outright exception, but was voted down each time in separate votes. The DXAC also voted not to reopen any consideration of the status of 4U1UN and 4U1ITU.

On a separate matter, the DXAC has recommended to the ARRL Awards Committee that the Baker, Howland and American Phoenix Islands listings (KH1) be deleted and the addition of a new DXCC country, Baker and Howland Islands, by reason of significant changes in land areas. The ARRL Awards Committee will act on this matter in the near future.

ARRL BULLETINS

The following ARRL Bulletins should be of interest to members of the SCDXC. This catches up on all ARRL Bulletins for 1984.

ARRL BULLETIN NR 40

A third party agreement was signed on May 23 permitting amateurs of the United States and of Belize, prefix V3, to exchange messages on behalf of persons other than the amateurs involved, while the text has not yet reached Hq., the agreement is believed to contain the usual restrictions against business traffic and against messages sufficiently important to justify using the common carrier networks. The agreement becomes effective June 22.

ARRL BULLETIN NR 26

In response to a request of ARRL, the FCC has lifted all power restrictions in the 1900 to 2000 KHz band. A1 and A3 emissions, with maximum permitted PEP output of 1500 watts are now permitted in all areas under FCC jurisdiction on the entire 1800 to 2000 KHz band. This is effective immediately.

ARRL BULLETIN NR 24

The State Department has informed ARRL Hq. that a third party agreement is now in effect between the United States and Dominica, J7.

FOR SALE:

Save your antennas, new wind speed indicator, 0-100 MPH, complete including shipping, $67.50.

Contact Nick, WB6DXU, 818-842-5983, 1426 N. Avon St. Burbank, CA 91505.

Bob White
19620 SW 234 St
Homestead, FL 33031

W1CW

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George A. Morris, Jr.
2106 Earnslow Drive
La Canada, CA 91011

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REPEATER DX ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is encouraged to make DX announcements on the SCDXC repeater. If a QSO is in progress, just break with your call and a request to make a DX announcement. The announcement should follow the following format:

(1) QST, DX Information
(2) callsign of DX
(3) frequency
(4) additional information of importance such as: working by districts, working split listening up 5KHz, etc.
(5) your callsign

An announcement might sound like this: "QST, DX information, BY1PK, 14039, listening 14045, W6AM."

DINNER FOR P29PR

The SCDXC is planning a dinner July 6 at 7 PM for P29PR at Me and Ed's Pizza, 12731 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove. Show your badge or QSL for a discount on the pizza. He will show slides and hopes to visit with as many DXers as possible.

ACTIVITY REPORT

K6DDO: P29SS 5/19 0745 14; ZL7AMD 5/23 0218 28; P29PR 5/23 0800 14; UF6FFF 5/26 0609 14; TR8JLD 5/26 0610 14; UO4OWA 5/27 0250 14; 9H1EL 5/27 0323 14; UG7GWB 5/27 0345; OH2AQ/0 5/27 0459 14; YJ0AKG 5/27 0630 14; HZ1HZ 5/27 2023 14; 9H1EL 5/27 2025 21; EA9CE 5/27 2055 21; DJ9CB/HB0 5/27 2134 21; FK8CE 5/27 2157 28; P29PR 5/28 1100 7; DJ5CQ/SV1A 6/2 0440 14 (MT. ATHOS); ZX9BV/P 6/2 1802 21; GU3HFN/P 6/2 1918 21; UW3SY/1 6/2 1950 21; CE3UT/9 6/3 0107 14; DA1WA/HB0 6/3 0135 14; TA1MB 6/3 0400 14; OE4PWW 6/8 0635 14; OY7ML 6/8 0725 14; I2NYN/ID8 6/9 0333 14 (DINO ISLAND); T77C 6/10 0537 14; K1BAZ/DV1 6/10 0537 14; BV0JA 6/12 1615 14. All contacts are CW.

FOR SALE:

60 foot Wilson crank up tower, $400.
204BA, 20 meter monobander, $100.
Contact Al, KX6L, 714-821-3188, 137 S. Monument St. Anaheim.

JULY PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS

AHLBD-Above,	High,	Low,	Below,	Disturbed
1-H	8-L	15-B	22-H	29-A
2-A	9-H	16-B	23-L	30-H
3-A	10-H	17-L	24-H	31-L
4-L	11-L	18-H	25 L	
5-B	12-L	19-H	26-L	
6-D	13-L	20-L	27-L	
7-B	14-L	21-A	28-H	

FOR SALE

(1) Complete Drake station - TR7 w NB, FA7, 3 filters, lightning protect, RV7 VFO, PS7 w FA7, MN 2700, cables, manuals, and cords. Package only - $1250.

(2) Henry 3KA amplifier 10-80 meters - recent factory checkout. Equipment is in excellent shape - $1150.

Contact Robin, KA6HNY, at 714-731-4803.